

TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

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HEARING: 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Bill 10 Plastic Bag Ban - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in opposition to SB 1059 which would ban the distribution of plastic bags in certain situations.

Bill 10 would ban businesses from providing certain bags to customers and does not recognize the fact that plastic bags can be, and are, reused many times. Following are some examples of situations in which these bags are reused:

Doggie do-do
Dirty diapers
Fish bones, chicken bones and meat scraps

Wet swimsuits
Dirty laundry
Toiletries

Shoes in suitcases
Beverage containers
Beach debris

Garage sale purchases
Groceries
A change of clothing

Greasy tools
Kids' toys
Leftover snacks

Library books
Paperwork
Testimony

Lunch bags
Padding material and finally
Trash can liners.

Rather than ban bags, I encourage councilmembers to review our current anti-litter laws and see whether the 311 apps can be used to help with enforcement so that ALL types of litter are reduced.

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